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SUBJECT; 380TH MAC MEETING STATEMENT.

THE FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE STATEMENT READ BY RADM M. P.
FRUDDEN, JR., SENIOR MEMBER, MAC, AT TODAY'S 45 MINUTE LONG
380TH MILITARY ARMJSTICE COMMISSION MEETING AT PANMUNJOM, QUOTE. AT O
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MEETING ON AUGUST 21 YOU READ A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPREME COMMANDER
OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE'S ARMY CONCERNING THE AUGUST 18 INCIDENT IN THE
JOINT SECURITY AREA. IN THIS STATEMENT THE SUPREME COMMANDER
SAID THAT IT WAS REGRETFUL THAT THIS INCIDENT HAD OCCURRED. HE
ALSO DECLARED THAT AN EFFORT MUST BE MADE SO THAT SUCH INCIDENTS
MAY NOT RECUR IN THE FUTURE. PARA. WE CONSIDER THIS STATEMENT
OF YOURS A POSITIVE STEP. HOWEVER, THE FACT REMAINS THAT TWO UNC
OFFICERS HERE BRUTALLY BEATEN TO DEATH WITHOUT PROVOCATION AND
THAT FACT CALLS FOR PUNISHMENT OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACT.
MOREOVER, WE INSIST ON ASSURANCES THAT THE SAFETY OF UNC PERSONNEL
IN THE JSA WILL BE PRESERVED AND THAT THE FREEDOM OF ACTIVITY

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GUARANTEED TO BOTH SIDES WILL BE RESPECTED AND THAT TO THOSE ENDS

YOU WILL ISSUE ORDERS TO YOUR PERSONNEL TO AVOID PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH MEMBERS OF THE UNC JSA SECURITY FORCE. WE EXPECT THAT SUCH ASSURANCES WILL BE FORTHCOMING FROM YOUR SIDE. UNQUOTE.

2. NORTH KOREAN REPLY WAS TO EFFECT THAT ALL IT HAD TO SAY ON THE INCIDENT WAS CONTAINED IN THE MESSAGE FROM KIM II SUNG TO CINCUNC DELIVERED TORADM FRUOVEN ON 21 AUGUST. NORTH KOREAN SM THEN PROPOSED AS A MEASURE TO PREVENT INCIDENTS IN THE JSA THAT THE MDL BE OBSERVED IN THAT AREA TO KEEP SIDES APART, WITH DETAILS TO BE WORKED OUT BY THE RESPECTIVE MAC SECRETARIES.

3. RADM FRUDDEN REPLIED: QUOTE. YOUR RESPONSE IN UNSATISFACTORY. YOU HAVE SAID THAT AN EFFORT MUST BE MADE SO THAT SUCH INCIDENTS MAY NOT OCCUR IN THE FUTURE..WE HAVE SAID THAT THIS IS A POSITIVE STEP. YOUR PROPOSAL TODAY MAY BE A POSITIVE STEP. IT IS NOW TIME FOR YOU TO MAKE SPECIFIC EFFORTS. TO BE SPECIFIC IN LIGHT OF THE BRUTAL MURDER OF TWO UNC OFFICERS, WE HAVE CALLED FOR PUNISHMENT OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ACTION. FURTHER, TO PREVENT RECURRENCE OF SUCH INCIDENTS, WE HAVE INSISTED ON ASSURANCES FIRST, THAT THE SAFETY OF UNC PERSONNEL IN THE JSA WILL BE PRESERVED SECOND, THAT THE FREEDOM OF ACTIVITY GUARENTEED BOTH SIDES WILL BE RESPECTED, AND TO THOSE ENDS THAT YOU WILL ISSUE APPROPRIATE ORDERS TO YOUR PERSONNEL TO AVOID PHYSICAL CONTACT WITH AND THE OBSTRUCTION OF MOVEMENT OF THE UNC JSA SECURITY FORCE. WE EXPECT THESE ASSURANCES WILL BE FORTHCOMING. WE WILL STUDY YOUR PROPOSAL ON THE JSA AND RESPOND AFTER WE COMPLETE THAT STUDY. UNQUOTE.

4. FOLLOW-ON STATEMENTS BY RADM FRUDDEN CONTINUED SAME LINE OF ASKING PUNISHMENT FOR THE 18 AUGUST INCIDENT AND ASSURANCES TO PREVENT RECURRENCE AND INSURE SAFETY OF UNC PERSONNEL AND FREEDOM OF ACTIVITY

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